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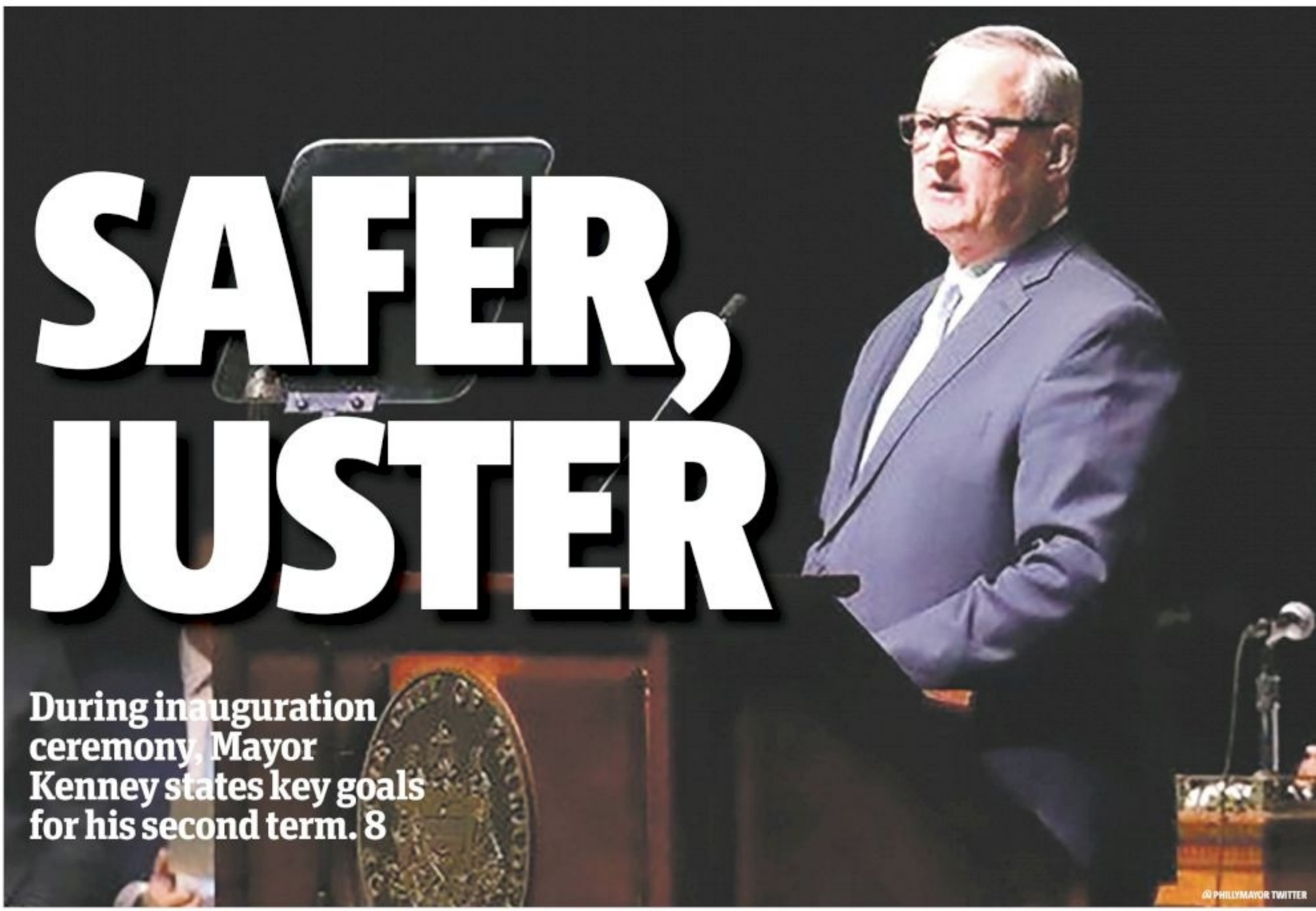

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Harvey Weinstein charged in Los Angeles for sex crimes as NY rape trial starts

Trial has been building since first assault reports in 2017

Once powerful Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was charged in Los Angeles on Monday on sex crime charges just hours after he appeared in a New York court for the start of his rape trial, which has become a focal point for the #MeToo movement.

Weinstein was charged with sexual assault of two unidentified women in 2013, said Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey. He was charged with raping one woman and sexually assaulting the other.

"We believe the evidence will show that the defendant used his power and influence to gain access to his victims and then commit violent crimes against them," Lacey said.

Weinstein, 67, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assaulting two women in New York. He faces life in prison if convicted on the most serious charge, predatory sexual assault.

Donna Rotunno, Weinstein's lead counsel in New York, declined to comment on the Los Angeles charges, saying she needed more information. A Weinstein spokesman Juda Engelmayer declined to comment.

The charges added to heightened emotions and tension surrounding the trial as jury selection begins on Tuesday.

"L.A. INDICTMENT! Cant breathe," wrote Rose McGowan, who has accused Weinstein of raping her, on Twitter. "Happy trial day to you, Mr. Weinstein. Welcome to the rest of your life, hope you'll have as much fun as we have had being in your jail."

Los Angeles prosecutors said Weinstein and a victim identified as Jane Doe 1 attended a Hollywood film festival on Feb. 17, 2013, according to court papers.

After the woman returned to her hotel room, Weinstein knocked at her door, she let him in and after talking briefly he attacked her and raped her. "Jane Doe 1 alleges that she delayed disclosure of this assault, in part, because the defendant threatened her life if she disclosed," said a court filing.

The next evening, a woman identified as Jane Doe 2 and an acquaintance of hers went to Weinstein's hotel room following a business meeting, according to a court filing. The woman unwittingly followed Weinstein into the bathroom and the acquaintance shut the door behind her, according to court documents.

Weinstein stripped naked, took a brief shower, took down Jane Doe 2's dress and then masturbated before releasing her.

"Each of these victims told at least one person about the assault in 2013. They reported the crimes to police in 2017," the prosecutor said.

Weinstein faces up to 28 years in California prison if convicted on the charges, Lacey said. Three other cases were being considered for charges, she said.

"Once the defendant's case is completed in New York, we expect him to appear in a courtroom in Los Angeles County to face these charges," the Los Angeles prosecutor said.

More than 80 women have accused Weinstein of sexual misconduct dating back decades.

Weinstein has denied the allegations, saying any sexual encounters he had were consensual.

Those accusations helped fuel the #MeToo movement, in which hundreds of women have publicly accused powerful men in business, politics, the news media and entertainment of sexual harassment or assault.

Earlier on Monday, Weinstein hobbled in and out of the Manhattan court, aided by a walker and with a member of his team holding his arm as he recovers from recent back surgery.

Judge James Burke ordered Weinstein's lawyer Rotunno to refrain from talking about witnesses, after she was accused of making degrading and humiliating comments in recent interviews, which she denied.

One of the women Weinstein was charged with assaulting, former production assistant Mimi Haleyi, has said that Weinstein sexually assaulted her in 2006. Prosecutors say Weinstein raped the second woman, who has not been publicly identified, in 2013.

Near the courthouse, the Silence Breakers, a group of Weinstein accusers including actresses Rosanna Arquette and McGowan, held a news conference and waved signs demanding accountability for Weinstein. REUTERS

"Once the defendant's case is completed in New York, we expect him to appear in a courtroom in Los Angeles County to face these charges."
District Attorney Jackie Lacey

Trump to dismiss climate impacts

2 Major new U.S. projects like highways and pipelines will no longer require federal reviews of their environmental climate impact under new rules that the Trump administration will propose on Wednesday, sources familiar with the plan said.The proposed overhaul would update how federal agencies implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a law aimed at ensuring the government protects the environment when reviewing or making decisions about projects that include building roads and bridges, cutting forests, expanding broadband to approving interstate pipelines like the Keystone XL. The regulatory change would be the first in 40 years by the White House Council on Environmental Quality which coordinates U.S. environmental efforts by federal agencies. REUTERS

Australian Open could be suspended over bushfires

3 Australian Open organisers are monitoring the deteriorating air quality in Melbourne and said matches could be suspended if conditions become hazardous amid the bushfire crisis. Hundreds of fires have killed at least 25 people and ravaged more than 8 million hectares (19.8 million acres) of land across Australia over the last few months. With qualifying for the season's first Grand Slam starting on Jan. 14, tournament director Craig Tiley said officials can halt play if smoke poses a danger to players' health. "The health of players, fans and staff is a priority at all times and we will continue to make these decisions with that in mind." There have so far been no smoke-related delays at the ATP Cup, which is taking place in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. REUTERS

Getting ahead of colon cancer comes down to screenings

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More than 100,000 new cases of colon cancer have been diagnosed in 2019, and there have been over 44,000 mortalities. Screening is absolutely vital when it comes to early detection. Metro spent time with Dadrie Baptiste, M.D., a general surgeon with Prime Healthcare who specializes in colon and rectal surgery, to shed light on these life-saving screenings.

When should people begin screening for colon cancer?

If you have no risk factors and are considered an average-risk patient, the general rule of thumb is that screening begins at the age of 50. However, the American Cancer Society is now suggesting 45, but that hasn't been picked up completely across the board.

What are the risk factors?

Older age, smoking, diabetes, obesity, and African-American descent are all on the list. Sticking to a low-fiber, high-fat, red-meat diet can also increase risk. People who are screened for higher risk would be due to personal history of colon cancer or adenomatous polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, family history of colon cancer, certain inherited cancer syndromes, or radiation therapy to the abdomen for cancer.

What's the screening process like?

There are lots of different screenings available. The colonoscopy is the gold standard because you get a good look at the entire colon and everything that's on the inside—and that's where the polyps will be. So if we see one, it means we can take it out while you're there. Colonoscopy is ideal for anyone with above-average risk.

There are also stool-based tests that screen for signs of cancer through the presence of blood or detection of DNA mutations. Other screening modalities include CT colonography, which takes 2D and 3D images of the colon, and flexible sigmoidoscopy. The latter zeroes in on the lower part of the colon and rectum.

It should be noted that if any of these tests detect any red flags, a colonoscopy is still recommended.

I'm scared about the bowel prep!

No one wants to be tied to the toilet the day before a screening, but bowel preps have come a long way over the last few years. It's really not as bad as it used to be, and it's vital in order to get the most accurate results. Ask your specialist about different preps, and make sure you understand your prep instructions beforehand. Chill the prep the morning before you start to drink it. It also helps to stay close to the bathroom and wear loose clothing.

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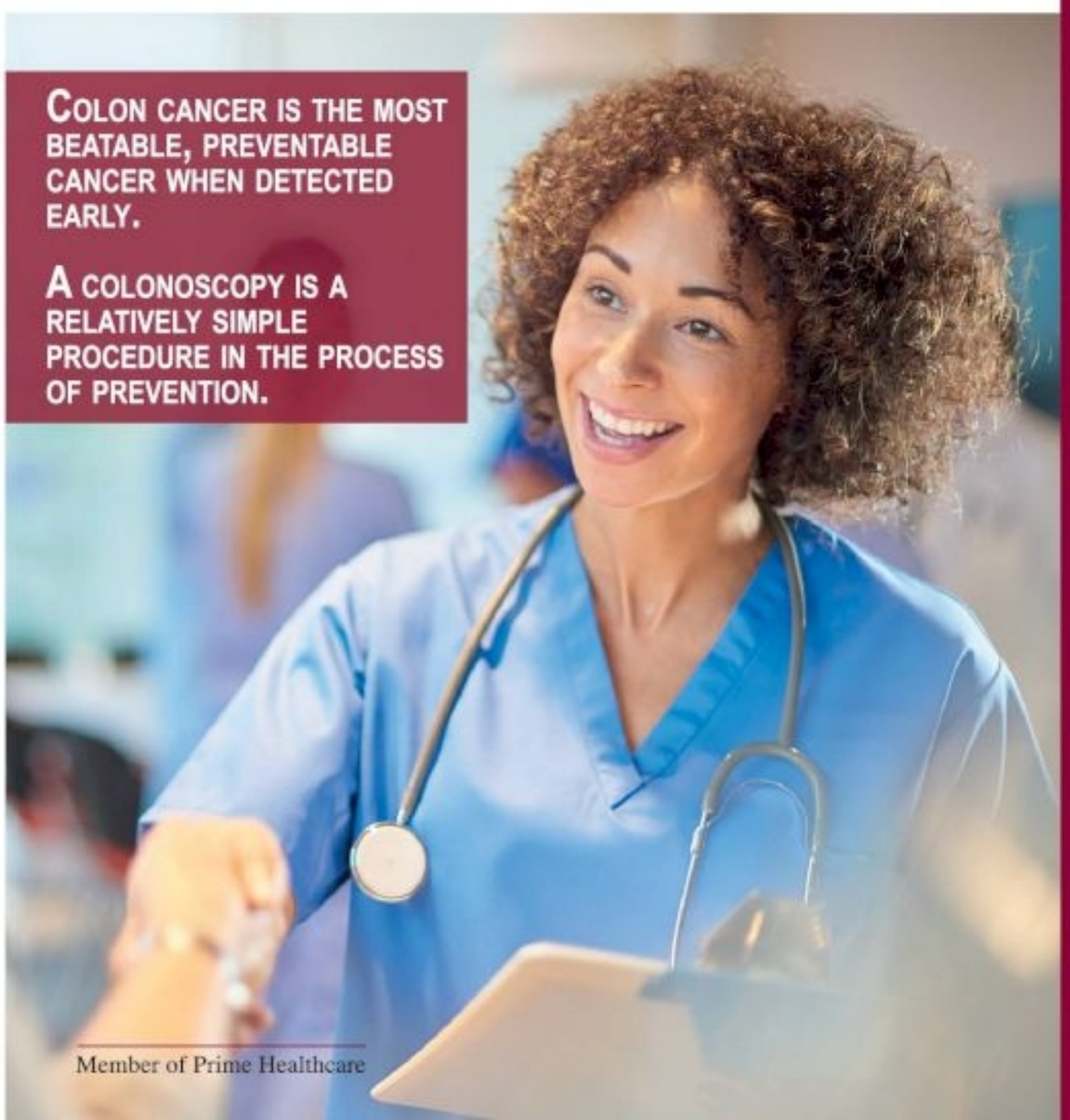

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NEWS

Your census needs you: and might pay $27 an hour...

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking to hire locals to join the 2020 team.

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The US census wants to hire you this year. They are hiring thousands of temporary workers; paying some up to $27 per hour.

Throughout the Philly region, the United States Census Bureau will be hosting a large number of job fairs, including one at the South Philly Library on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. They are offering a variety of positions, which include recruiting assistants, clerks, census field supervisors and census takers.

NBC reports that many of the roles are for census takers. Census taking roles include duties such as double-checking census data, verifying addresses and collecting responses to the census.

Wages range according to location. NBC reports that the Census Bureau will pay as low as $16 an hour in the Allentown area office and up to $27 an hour at the Norristown office.

In Philly, the pay ranges from $23 to $25.50 an hour. Field employees will be reimbursed for authorized work expenses, which include mileage accrued while doing census work.

If you're interested in working for the Census and can't make it to the job fair, you can call 1-855-JOB-2020 and choose option No. 3. You can also check out all of their job opportunities online.

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Ex-Philly Cop trial for shooting black man delayed

Monday, a judge postponed the start of a murder trial of a white Philly cop who shot and killed a black man after a confrontation.

The judge set the new trial date for Feb. 10.

NBC reports that amid an appeal from the Philly DA office over what exactly the judge should tell jurors about what is the standard for justifiable shootings by police.

Ex-Philadelphia police officer Ryan Pownall is being charged with third-degree murder. However, his attorney said that he thinks that the jury will find that the shooting was justified.

NBC reports that the 2017 incident occurred after a dirt bike confrontation between Ryan Pownall and 30-year-old David Jones. It was reported that Pownall stopped Jones for riding a dirt bike on the street. Pownall frisked him and felt a gun. After the confrontation, Pownall's gun jammed while he attempted to shoot Jones.

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Kenney Establishes a new Office of Children and Families

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Here's what the new branch of the administration will be responsible for.

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As part of Kenney's second term, he outlined a few significant changes coming to his administration, including creating a brand new office to cater to children and families. It is called the Office of Children and Families (OCF).

The OCF will coordinate and oversee the city's work for children and families. According to the press release the OCF will manage the following:

- The Department of Human Services (child welfare and juvenile justice)
- PHLpreK, the City's free, quality pre-K program
- Community Schools
- Prevention Support Services (Out-of-School Time, Youth Workforce Development, Truancy, Summer/Winter Meals, and Attendance Initiatives)

"The profound success of PHLpreK, Community Schools, and other initiatives led by the Mayor's Office of Education over the last four years has not only changed the way the City delivers programs for children and families but also how we partner with the School District," said Mayor Jim Kenney.

The expansion of PHLpreK and Community Schools will transition from the Office of Education to the new Office of Children and Families.

Kenney added that, "As we head into the next term, it's time to strengthen and coordinate all city operations, policy, and prevention services for the children and families of Philadelphia. This new office will work to keep more kids safe, build stronger families, and increasing support for our city's schools."

Mayor Kenney appointed Cynthia Figueroa as Deputy Mayor for the Office of Children and Families. In addition, Deputy Mayor Figueroa will also establish a Children and Families Cabinet.

Officials are hoping this new Cabinet and office will help improve the lives of local families and children, as well as help residents build stronger communities and support schools.

Deputy Mayor Cynthia Figueroa said in the press release that, "All children deserve to grow up safe, healthy, and prepared for life. We must and can do better for kids. I'm energized and committed to working with our partners on our shared priorities of keeping kids safe, building strong families, and supporting great schools."

The Chief Education Officer Otis Hackney will still manage the administration's relationship with the board of education in the school district of Philly. Hackney will also lead education policy and focus on making the Community College of Philadelphia more accessible and affordable.

U.S. presidential hopeful Bloomberg's campaign staff swells to 800

REUTERS

Democratic U.S. presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg has hired about 800 staff members as part of a plan to compete in the 14 states that hold Super Tuesday primary contests on March 3, his campaign said on Monday.

The media billionaire and former New York mayor has used his personal fortune to quickly build a national campaign since joining the presidential race in November - many months after Democratic Party front-runners started campaigning.

He trails leading Democrats Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders in public opinion polls as they seek to challenge Republican President Donald Trump in the November 2020 election.

But Bloomberg's staffing levels gives his campaign a sizable nationwide presence. The campaign for Biden, a former U.S. vice president who leads the Democratic contest in many polls, said it has more than 400 staff members across the country.

Bloomberg's hires reflect an unorthodox, risky strategy of focusing on the Democratic nominating contests in March and skipping the important first matchup - the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 3 - as well as key primaries in New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

He has hired about 500 staff members in more than 30 states, in addition to about 300 at his New York campaign headquarters, a campaign spokeswoman said.

The campaign did not disclose state-by-state staffing tallies, but the organization's states director, Dan Kanninen, said there were staff "on the ground in every Super Tuesday" contest.

"We will compete everywhere," said Kanninen. "Our campaign is building the most robust national organization and infrastructure to beat Donald Trump."

The candidate opened his second California field office in central Los Angeles on Monday.

The size of Bloomberg's nationwide campaign staff was first reported by NBC News.

Bloomberg is also using his estimated $53 billion fortune to fund a massive advertising campaign that has prompted criticism from other candidates, including progressives Warren and Sanders, that Bloomberg is trying to buy the U.S. election.

Bloomberg, who is campaigning as a centrist Democrat, spent more than $76 million on television ads between mid-November and mid-December, more than all other presidential candidates put together, according to the Wesleyan Media Project.

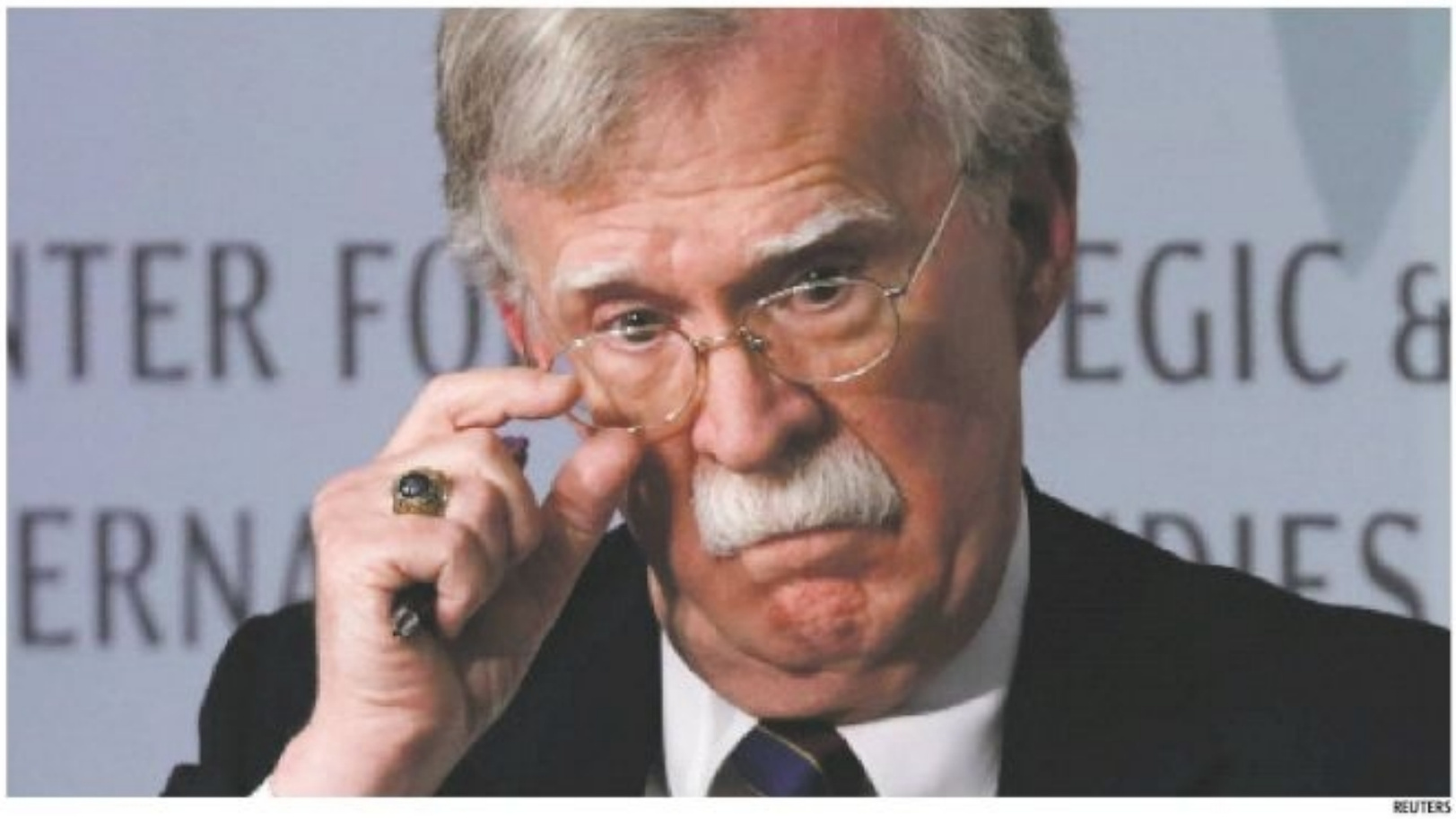
His spending includes ad buys in delegate-rich Super Tuesday states like California and Texas, as well as in Florida, Illinois and Arizona, which won't hold contests until March 17.

Bloomberg has proposed creating a public health-insurance option, banning assault weapons and slashing U.S. carbon emissions - ideas that resemble those of fellow centrists Biden and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

Speaking to supporters at his new Los Angeles field office, Bloomberg reminded his audience that more delegates are up for grabs in California than any other state in the nominating contest.

"I'm running to defeat Donald Trump," he said. REUTERS

Bolton says he is willing to testify in Trump impeachment trial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U.S. President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, John Bolton, said on Monday he is willing to testify in the expected Senate impeachment trial of the president, a surprise development that could potentially strengthen the case that Trump should be removed from office.

As a top White House aide who witnessed many of the events that prompted the House of Representatives to impeach Trump in December, Bolton could provide new evidence about Trump's efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate a political rival.

Other witnesses during the House impeachment investigation testified that Bolton strongly objected to an effort by Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, to pressure Kiev outside of regular diplomatic channels, with one saying he referred to the arrangement as a "drug deal."

Congressional investigators believe Bolton objected to Trump's decision to delay $390 million in military aid to Ukraine and could shed light on the reasons why he did so, a Senate aide told Reuters.

Bolton's lawyer said in November that he could shed new light on White House discussions, but he refused to participate in the House impeachment inquiry while the Trump administration and Congress battled in court for access to witnesses and documentary evidence.

He said he is now willing to cooperate after a judge dismissed the case last week.

"If the Senate issues a subpoena for my testimony, I am prepared to testify," Bolton said in a prepared statement. He declined further comment.

Democrats seized on Bolton's announcement, saying it bolstered their argument that he and three current administration officials should testify when the Senate begins its impeachment trial.

"If any Senate Republican opposes issuing subpoenas to the four witnesses and documents we have requested they would make absolutely clear they are participating in a cover up," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said.

Trump's fellow Republicans have resisted that idea, instead seeking a quick trial based on the evidence collected in the House that could lead to the president's expected acquittal before the 2020 presidential election campaign heats up.

The two sides have not come close to an agreement on how the trial should proceed, aides say.

In remarks on the Senate floor, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell repeated his proposal that the chamber postpone a decision on whether to call witnesses until after the trial begins. That could allow Republicans, who control the chamber by a margin of 53-47, to wrap up the trial without hearing from Bolton or other witnesses.

Democrats hope to persuade at least four Republicans to side with them to get the majority vote they would need to call witnesses.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, has yet to send the House-approved articles of impeachment to the Senate, putting a hold on any schedule for a trial. The earliest the House could take any action would be on Tuesday when it reconvenes.

The Democratic-led House has charged Trump with abusing his power for personal gain by asking Ukraine to announce a corruption investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading contender for the Democratic nomination to face Trump in November's presidential election.

It also charged the president with obstructing Congress by directing administration officials and agencies not to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry.

Trump says he did nothing wrong and has dismissed his impeachment as a partisan bid to undo his 2016 election win.

"I think they've lost their minds," Trump said on Rush Limbaugh's radio program, referring to Democrats.

The White House could potentially try to block Bolton from testifying. That dispute would probably be resolved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who will preside over the Senate trial, or senators themselves, rather than in court, said Ross Garber, a Washington lawyer who has represented Republican governors in impeachment proceedings. REUTERS

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Pentagon chief denies U.S. leaving Iraq; Tehran crowds mourn commander

REUTERS

The United States has no plans to pull its troops out of Iraq, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Monday, following reports by Reuters and other media of an American military letter informing Iraq officials about the repositioning of troops in preparation to leave the country.

The developments came in the aftermath of Friday's drone strike in Baghdad ordered by U.S. President Donald Trump that killed Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani, widely seen as Iran's second most powerful figure behind Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei, 80, wept in grief with hundreds of thousands of mourners thronging the streets of Tehran at Soleimani's funeral on Monday.

Word of the letter came a day after Iran's demand for U.S. forces to withdraw from the region gained traction when Iraq's parliament passed a resolution calling for all foreign troops to leave the country.

The letter said U.S.-led coalition forces would be using helicopters to evacuate. Several were heard flying over Baghdad on Monday night, although it was not immediately clear if that was a related development.

"There's been no decision whatsoever to leave Iraq," Esper told Pentagon reporters when asked about the letter, adding there were no plans issued to prepare to leave.

"I don't know what that letter is ... We're trying to find out where that's coming from, what that is. But there's been no decision made to leave Iraq. Period."

The letter caused confusion about the future of U.S. forces in Iraq. The United States has about 5,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

The top U.S. military officer told reporters the letter was a poorly worded draft document meant only to underscore increased movement by U.S. forces.

"Poorly worded, implies withdrawal. That's not what's happening," said U.S. Army General Mark Milley, chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, stressing there was no withdrawal being planned. REUTERS

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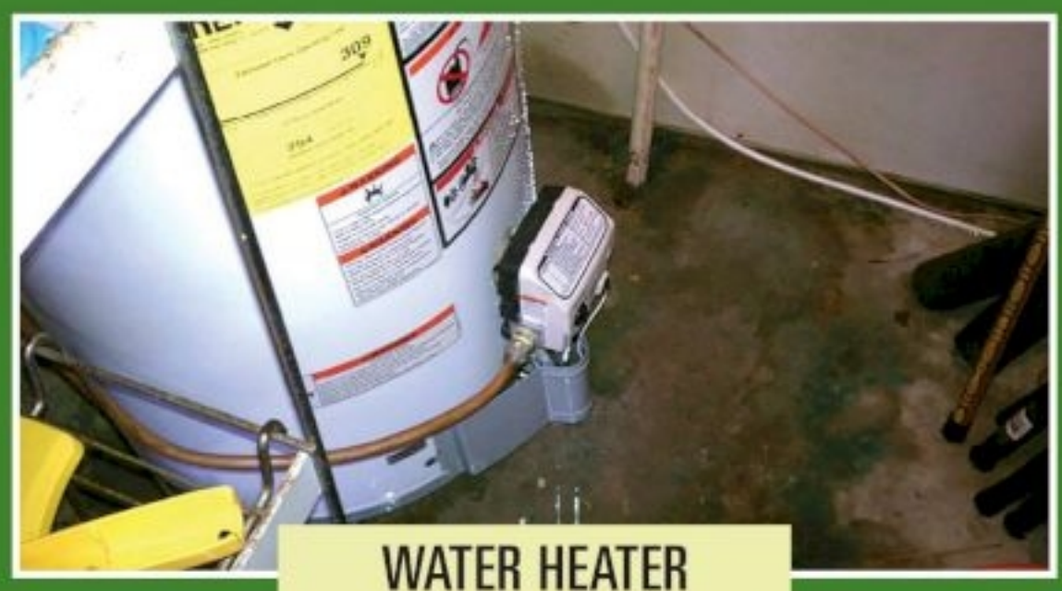

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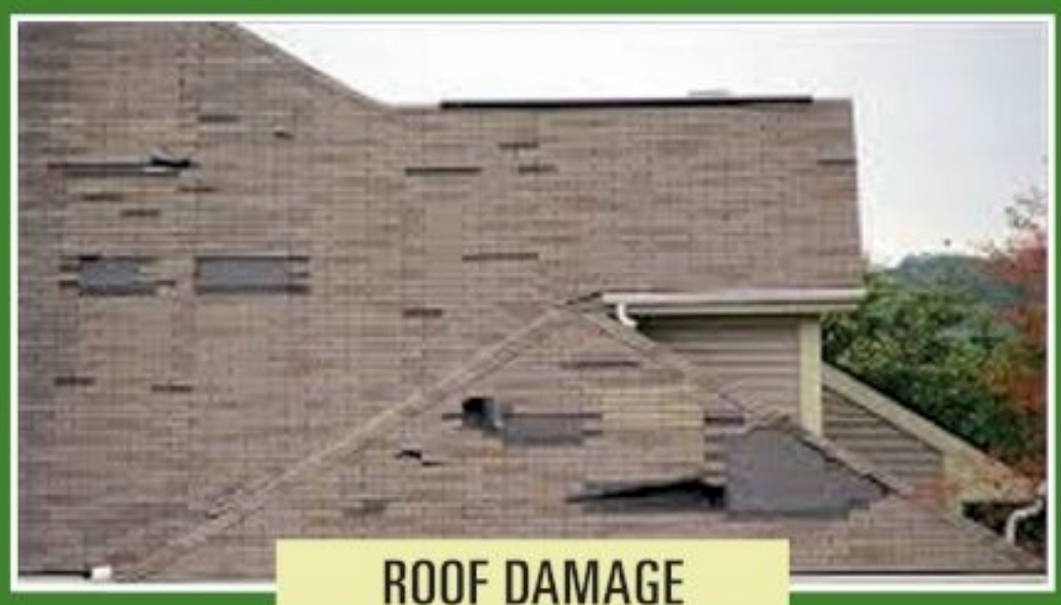

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Inauguration day for Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney is here

Here's what Mayor Kenney's plans are for his second term.

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On Monday, Mayor Kenney and 17 members of the City Council were sworn in for their second term. Kenney will begin his second four-year term as mayor.

Although many members are returning to their roles, the council is welcoming four new members. According to Inqurier.com, those members include Katherine Gilmore Richardson, Isaiah Thomas, and Jamie Gauthier — who are all Democrats — and Kendra Brooks, of the Working Families Party.

Sheriff Rochelle Bilal and Register of Wills Tracey Gordon will also be joining the inauguration.

After the inauguration, officials will make the first decisions of their terms. They will be working together to lay out their rules and also electing caucus leaders.

Council President Darrell L. Clarke is expected to win the leadership role for a third term. In contrast, Councilmember Cherelle Parker is challenging council Majority Leader Bobby Henon, who is the second in command. As of Friday, neither competitor has won the majority.

Kenney made a speech focusing on what his overarching plan is for the next few years.

"The main goal is to make Philly a safer and more just city," Kenney tweeted.

Given that a key part of Kenney's plan is to focus on gun reform, from a law and order point of view, the newly re-elected mayor is strategizing to cut down on shootings and homicides.

With the hiring of Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw, Kenney hopes to improve community relations and improve trust and accountability between all residents. Kenney is planning on holding police officers more accountable for questionable actions and tactics.

The administration will also implement, "The Philadelphia Roadmap to Safer Communities," which seeks to combat violence. The plan uses community and data to decrease violence in the city.

Another leading item on Kenney's agenda, as stated Monday, was criminal justice reform.

Kenney plans on continuing to combat the opioid crisis and vowed support for the creation of Overdose Prevention Sites. Plans were made in September of last year to open the country's first safe injection site in the opioid-plagued Kensington neighborhood. Despite support from Kenney and other politicians and officials, the opening of this site remains in legal limbo.

Education

City Council has created a local Board of Education and matched it with over $1 billion in funding to help improve the schooling system. As part of this plan, they are adding more tech to schools, creating some more career-based activities, additional support services, and more. A new office of Children and Families and the Children and Families Cabinet will oversee these initiatives.

Later education will be focused on as well; Kenney wants to help create a more affordable and accessible college system for all.

Cleaner and Safer Streets

Another priority for the Kenney administration is to make the streets cleaner and safer.

Officials will be supporting the SEPTA redesign of their bus network.

As part of this plan, they will be adding 40 miles of protected bike lanes. As part of keeping the streets clean initiative, they will amp up illegal dumping enforcement and work on improving their street sweep program.

They will also be working on improving homeless services, homeownership, and housing affordability.

Philly itself will move forward in addressing the climate crisis while also fixing up 72 parks, libraries, playgrounds and rec centers.

Kenney shared a series of tweets explaining his major goals, with the final stated as, "Our last major priority is to make a more diverse, efficient, and effective government that delivers better customer service to residents and businesses. We plan to embed data, evaluation, and human-centered design in more city operations."

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Philly gives $1M to Grassroots Programs combatting gun violence

52 different community organizations were chosen for this program.

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The city of Philly released the second round of grants for community organizations that offer services to help reduce and prevent gun violence.

According to a press release, over 50 different community groups received a total of around $1 million in funding. Over 300 applications and 52 organizations were chosen. Each grant ranges from $1,500 to $20,000 to support programs in areas that are profoundly impacted by violence.

When it came to choosing the awardees, it was reported that preference was given to organizations that focused on the employment and educational needs of those aged between 16 and 34 who are at a high risk for violence.

When applying, organizations were asked to describe the program or activity to be funded, along with information detailing the program or activity and an explanation about how to prevent gun violence within the community. A budget to show how the funds will be used was also required.

The programs that are being funded provide activities that include sports leagues, career skill-building, and groups to connect residents to their communities.

"Oftentimes, the potential solutions to gun violence are found directly within the communities traumatized by such violence in the first place," Mayor Jim Kenney said in a press release.

He added, "These grants support community-fueled grassroots programs striving to give young people, and others at risk of gun violence, positive social opportunities that can lead to prevention."

This is the second round of targeted Community Investment funding. This helps increase resources to those affected by violence; they will also support grief programs for families impacted by gun violence.

These organizations will also give teens and kids training to be more positive role models.

The program also includes spots that support "safe spaces" and workshops for young men who are at risk of gun violence.

Vanessa Garrett-Harley, Deputy Managing Director for Criminal Justice and Public Safety, said in a press release that, "These diverse programs represent both the inspiration and determination of our neighbors to make all of our communities safe and prosperous places for every resident."

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Everyone deserves a treat to start the new year on the right foot (or hoof), especially these goats.

The tree-donating event will occur at the Awbury Agricultural Village's farm, which is located at 6336 Ardleigh Street. They will be accepting the trees on Jan. 11, 18, and 25. The event takes place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Before heading to see the goats, there are a few things you need to do first. According to Philly Mag, you need to bring an undecorated tree, which means no lights, ornaments or tinsel.

After the goats finish their treats, you can pet the fun-loving creatures. At the farm, you can also take a guided walk with the goats, participate in goat yoga and you even book an animal therapy session with the adorable animals.

If you don't have a tree to participate, there is a suggested donation of $20, which will go to the Awbury Arboretum — the home to the Philly Goat Project. The donation will get your whole family some warming hot cocoa complete with fluffy marshmallows.

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The Clay Studio's new facility is set to open next week. PROVIDED

The Clay Studio to break ground on new facility next week

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The new state-of-the-art facility will help deepen relationships between artists and the community.

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It was recently announced that The Clay Studio will break ground on a new state-of-the-art ceramic facility next week on Jan. 15 at 11 am. The new facility in South Kensington will help propel the nonprofit organization forward as a national leader in ceramics and will also serve as a mecca for local residents and artists in the City of Brotherly Love.

"This is a defining moment, and together we are making a big dream a reality," Executive Director Jennifer Martin said in a release. "We have always believed that art changes lives, that people of all ages and backgrounds can discover and nurture their individuality through clay. And when people give voice to their creativity, they, in turn, give voice to their communities."

The Clay Studio first started in Old City in 1974 with only five artists on their roster, fast forward to the present day, and you'll find an impressive number of artists, teachers, and professional staff serving Philadelphia with a colorful multitude of classes, exhibitions, events, and The Claymobile community engagement program.

According to the release, the $13.7 million capital campaign for next week's groundbreaking will expand its services and spaces by 67 percent, paving the way for unlimited new possibilities for studio art, arts education, and community engagement. The expansion is also hoped to deepen relationships between The Clay Studio and the South Kensington community.

"With something like this in the neighborhood, I think there are quite a few opportunities for kids, and not just to become artists," said a former Head Start teacher in the neighborhood in the release. "Art and music are wonderful ways to get young children interested in education."

The new building's design also helps strengthen that transparent relationship with an intentionally open and publicly accessible ground floor, dedicated classrooms for after-school youth programs, new spaces for year-round public events, and new headquarters for The Claymobile program. Also included in the designs are larger classrooms, state-of-the-art studios, an outdoor sculpture garden, and new gallery spaces.

The mission to connect artists and the community will also be a central theme in the inaugural exhibition at The Clay Studio's new home. According to the release, "Making Place Matter" opening in the spring of 2021 will be a major exhibition, symposium, and publication, funded by a Project Grant from The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage. The exhibition is organized around the complex and contemporary meaning of place and identity in today's social conversation and will feature works from talented artists such as Kukuli Velarde, Molly Hatch, and Ibrahim Said. "Making Place Matter" will also coincide with the opening of a new community space, the Visitor Engagement Gallery, where Philadelphians can personally respond to the art they see in the gallery.

"I am proud and thankful beyond words," added Martin in the release. "Only a few short years ago our Board of Directors, together with the South Kensington community, artists, and patrons, embarked on a $13.7 million capital campaign, and we've been working with a team of architects, designers, and builders to create the best possible facility we could imagine. Community is what began and sustained The Clay Studio for 45 years, and community is what will make our new building a home."

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Center City District Restaurant Week is almost here, and this go-around is going to be tastier than ever. The delicious event featuring 110 participating restaurants kicks off on Jan. 12 and will run through Jan. 24. Philadelphians can head to featured eateries for lunch or dinner, most spots are offering three-course dinners for $35 per person and three-course lunches for $20 per person.

"Center City District's Winter Restaurant Week kicks off the New Year as an eagerly anticipated tradition, offering diners the opportunity to discover new restaurants and revisit long-time favorites," said Michelle Shannon, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Center City District in a release. "This upcoming season is no different as Center City continues to be on the forefront of Philadelphia's booming food and beverage scene with nationally-recognized chefs and restaurants."

According to a release, Restaurant Week is presented by Beam Suntory's Roku Gin and Suntory Whisky Toki and supported by Open Table, TD Bank, and The Met Philadelphia. Participating restaurants will highlight signature cocktails featuring Beam Suntory's Roku Gin and Suntory Whisky Toki to complement their special CCDRW menus.

As icing on top of the cake, Philadelphians also have a special opportunity this year to win dinner for a year, shopping and a show. By entering to win at CCDRestaurantWeek.com, diners will have the chance to receive dinner once a week for a year at select Center City restaurants, plus a 4-pack of premium tickets to see Boys II Men on Valentine's Day at The Met Philadelphia (four runners up will also win a pair of tickets to a concert at The Met.)

That's not all, Center City District is also partnering with TD Bank as part of their "Treat Me TD campaign" for Restaurant Week. Five diners will also be surprised with a $100 TD Bank Visa Gift Card — so if you were contemplating on whether or not you were going to be participating in CCDRW this year, you now have multiple reasons to make a reservation.

Speaking of reservations, if you're having some trouble picking out where to eat next week, here are a few of Metro's top picks:

Pinefish

If you are looking for a seafood fix, Pinefish has everything you need and more for Restaurant Week. Their special menu includes plenty of mouthwatering options including twin jumbo lump crab cakes, surf & turf, King Ora salmon, key lime pie, and more.
1138 Pine St., pinefish.fish

Yakitori Boy

This hotspot is truly knocking it out of the park with a five-course dinner option for Restaurant Week. Highlighted dishes include wasabi tuna tataki, pork belly, a colorful amount of sushi rolls, lamb chops, a six-

piece sashimi medley and much more.
211 N 11th St., yakitoriboy.com

Forsythia

If you are looking for a little taste of France during CCDRW, head to new hotspot Forsythia for a true treat. Their Restaurant Week Menu includes panisse with raclette cheese, escargot with tomato butter, pumpkin soup with puffed grains and cranberry mousse, roasted short rib, goat cheese and vanilla bean panna cotta with grapefruit sorbet, and more.
233 Chestnut St., forsythiaphilly.com

Scarpetta Philadelphia

There truly is no better setting for CCDRW than overlooking the gorgeous Rittenhouse Square at the ever-popular Scarpetta Philadelphia. Decadent special offerings include raw yellowtail, creamy polenta, roasted chicken, branzino, Valrhona chocolate cake, coconut panna cotta, and much more.
210 W Rittenhouse Sq., scarpettarestaurants.com

Tinto

Jose Garces' popular spot is certainly bringing plenty of heat and flavor to their CCDRW menu. Delicious dishes include an assortment of cheeses, strawberry gazpacho, kale and ricotta tart, duck confit, Spanish octopus, shrimp in chocolate sauce, goat cheese custard, and much more.
114 S 20th St., philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com

Reservations for Center City District Restaurant Week can be made through OpenTable, and diners can park for discounted prices ($9 or less) at participating Philadelphia Parking Association and Philadelphia Parking Authority facilities from 4:45 pm to 1 am. Philadelphians can also keep up with the latest news surrounding CCDRW by following @PhilaRestWeek on Twitter and Instagram.

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The Philly Home, and Home + Garden Show is coming to the city this month and next.

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There's truly no place like home, and for two consecutive weekends, (Jan. 10-12 and 17-19) residents will get to dive headfirst into all things DIY, decorations and more at the 39th Annual Philly Home Show. Then, in February (14-16), homemakers and those with a green thumb will also get to indulge in the 5th Annual Philly Home + Garden Show.

According to a release, both shows are produced by Marketplace Events, producer of the nation's largest home shows and some of the most successful and longest-running shows in North America.

"The Philly Home Show provides ideas and solutions geared towards city dwellers, who often have space challenges, while the Philly Home + Garden Show provides home and garden options sought by suburban residents," said Jenna Naffin, Show Manager for both in a release. "We work throughout the year in order to find and present the features, exhibitors and experts that each show's visitors will find most useful."

So what can you expect at the extravaganza taking place this weekend and next? According to the release, January's Philly Home Show will showcase local designers offering inspiration for decorating with "Philly Style" and creating cozy "Petite Retreats," along with the "Ultimate Backyard" and special shops for plant lovers, pets and more.

Langhorne native Jeff Devlin, who is known best for his contracting and woodworking skills on DIY Network's "Stone House Revival," will be offering a unique VIP workshop as part of the PHS' popular Make-It, Take-It series. The series offers hands-on experiences with experts, helping Philadelphians gain experience, knowledge and confidence in the highlighted areas.

The Philly Home Show will also feature 250 exhibitors covering all home-centered basics, a plant bar featuring green masterpieces, and even "petite retreats" where show-goers can unwind and gain inspiration. Be sure to also check out the Herr's Family Lounge if you need a break in between all of the perusing opportunities the PHS offers.

Then, in February, head back to the Pennsylvania Convention Center to check out more home/garden renovation experiences and tips from a few notable celebrities and all-star vendors including Greg Brady from TV's "The Brady Bunch" and HGTV's "A Very Brady Renovation," and Eric and Lindsay Bennett, renovators and stars of HGTV's "Desert Flippers." The Philly Home + Garden show will also feature more than 7,5000 square feet of garden displays, the popular Make-It, Take-It workshops, new floral workshops, wine tastings, and several unique markets.

According to the release, new this year at both the Philly Home Show and the Philly Home + Garden Show is an emphasis on the building trades, through a partnership with Mike Rowe and his mikeroweWORKS Foundation. To spotlight the skilled labor shortage and support the home improvement industry, "Trade Day" on January 12 at the Philly Home Show and February 16 at the Philly Home + Garden Show will offer free admission for all home building and renovation tradespeople (with ID). Exhibitors will post available jobs, and experts from Lowe's will provide vocational information.

For all show information and tickets, visit www.phillyhomeshow.com and www.phillyhomeandgardenshow.com

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Find your roots with Terry Gross this week

The National Museum of American Jewish History is hosting a unique event with the "Fresh Air" host in partnership with WHYY.

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This Thursday, January 9, The National Museum of American Jewish History is partnering with WHYY to present a unique event, "Finding Your Roots": Advanced Screening and Discussion with Terry Gross.

According to the release, the distinguished host and executive producer of NPR's "Fresh Air" will be joined onstage with Sabin Streeter, one of the show's producers for an in-depth conversation moderated by Beth Wenger, NMAJH founding historian and professor of history and director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Audience members will get two viewpoints from "Finding Your Roots" including Gross's experience participating as a guest on the show and Streeter's experience producing and working on the popular program. Audience members are also invited to ask questions during the discussion.

Along with featuring Gross's story, this season of "Finding Your Roots" also explores the ancestry of Jeff Goldblum and Marc Maron.

"Finding Your Roots" has been a popular program on PBS for five seasons, featuring Educator Henry Louis Gates Jr. as the host. According to the official website for the show, the Harvard professor's quest is to "get into the DNA of American culture" through America's sense of itself, stimulating a national conversation about identity with humor, wisdom, and compassion.

"Finding Your Roots": Advanced Screening and Discussion with Terry Gross is soldout, but anyone interested is invited to sign up for the waitlist on the event's official Eventbrite page and any more questions or concerns can be directed to WHYY's Member and Audience Services at memberservices@whyy.org.

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The start of the new decade of award shows amazed us with creative styles that truly stood out.

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Reese Witherspoon

White is a risky color and wearing it could lead to a true disaster. However, the American actress made it look incredibly powerful. Her wrap-around dress with a detail on the upper silhouette was made by Petra Flannery. The 43-years-old's soft makeup and perfectly combed hair were enough to show that less is more... but with a good fit and matching style.

Scarlett Johansson

She arrived at the Golden Globes in red, also as royalty, with a style that evokes Grace Kelly in the 50's. The 35-years-old decided to bet everything on the old Hollywood, something quite rare for her. But with an imposing silhouette dress, sensual but elegant at the same time, Johansson won. The material, though, sparked controversies.

Joey King

The 20-year-old became the only person who looked different at the gala. Yes, Iris Van Herpen is a safe bet. Futuristic dresses speak for themselves, the optical illusion and the creation of a silhouette need no further adornments.

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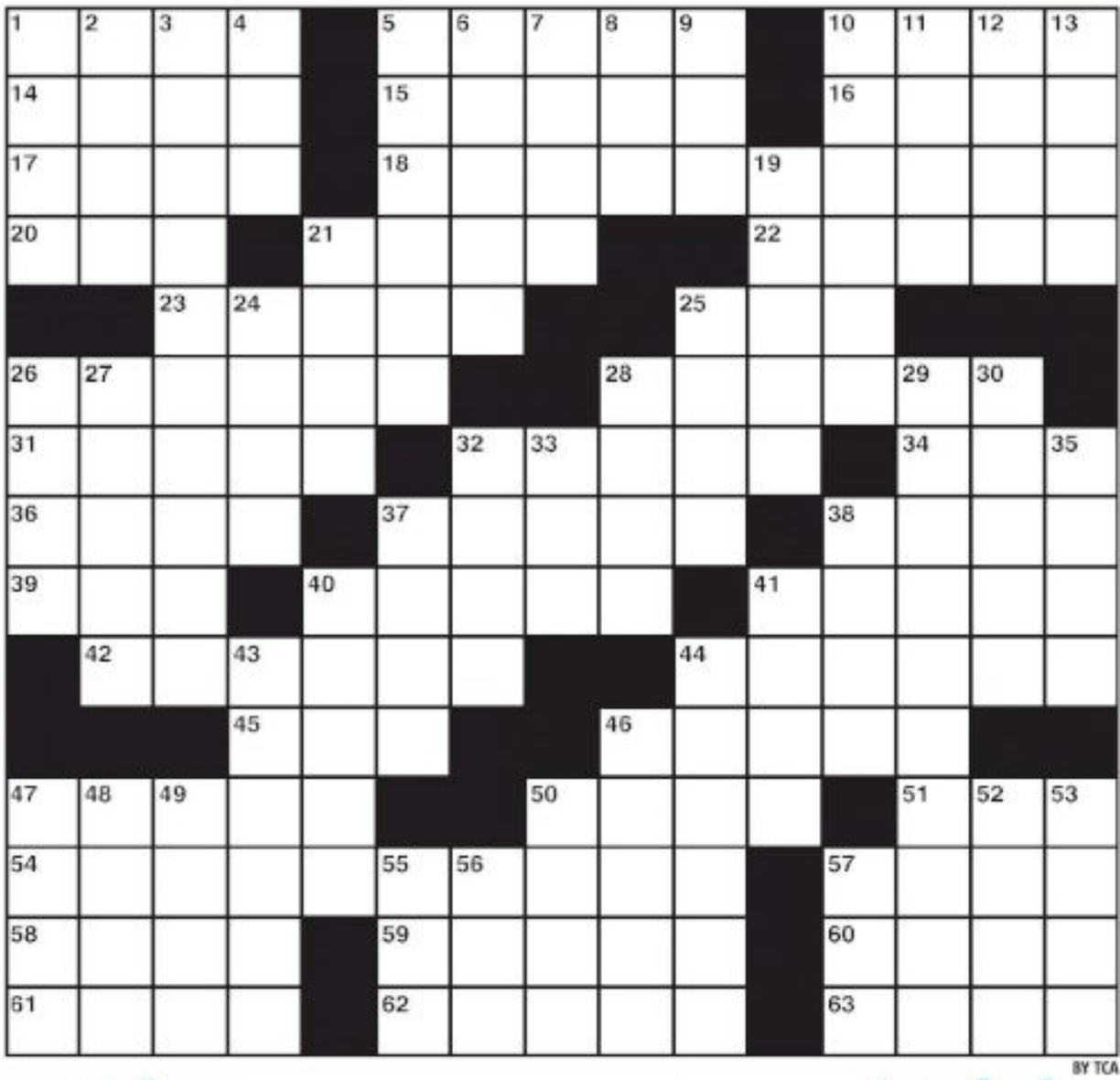

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JOE PANTORNO

Carson Wentz's twisted nightmare of injury issues only gained more fuel on Sunday evening at Lincoln Financial Field.

In his first-ever playoff start — following two previous seasons that ended prematurely due to health issues — Wentz was forced to scramble out of the pocket during the Eagles' second possession of the game when he was hit in the back of the head and shoulders while falling by a diving Jadeveon Clowney.

There was no flag on the play, but a debate has since been fueled over the cleanliness of the hit.

Some believed Wentz was giving himself up and Clowney's hit was an unnecessary one. Others are just chalking it up to a football play.

"I checked Clowney about it," Eagles guard Jason Peters said after the game. "He was mouthing, I was mouthing back at him... I just told him, 'Man, that's a dirty play.' And he's like, 'My bad,' and we just kept playing."

"It was a bang-bang play," Clowney said. "I don't intend to hurt anybody in this league, let me just put that out there... I was just playing fast."

This is nothing new for the Seahawks' star defender, who was fined $40,110 by the NFL last season for a Week 16 hit he put on former Eagles quarterback Nick Foles.

Yet, Clowney continued to cement his place as a villain in Philadelphia sports lore, calling Eagles supporters "the worst fans in the world."

Wentz's head smacked the Philadelphia turf, forcing him to visit the blue medical tent on the sidelines for initial evaluations. With two minutes remaining in the quarter, Wentz walked to the locker room in what signaled the end of his day and season. With 40-year-old Josh McCown forced under center, the Eagles came up short 17-9 to the Seahawks for a swift playoff exit.

All those late-game heroics down the stretch, all the feel-good stories about no-names like Boston Scott and Greg Ward stepping up to wrench an NFC East title away from the Dallas Cowboys, all for a Wild Card exit.

Disappointing? Sure, but what can you do when a team is decimated by injuries to the point of practice-squad players getting key snaps?

Yet all of that disappeared the moment Wentz made his way to the locker room, prompting reporters, analysts, and keyboard warriors to rehash the tiresome narrative that Wentz can't stay healthy.

The problem with that line of thinking is that Sunday evening's events don't fit that bill. Anyone suggesting that it does is taking the lazy route.

It's one thing to say it when Wentz tore his ACL in 2017 or suffered back problems last year. I'll begrudgingly give you that even though I still think labeling someone who plays a violent game like football soft after suffering significant injuries is irresponsible.

However, when a 6-foot-5, 255-pound wrecking ball of a defensive end drives his body weight on top of the head and shoulder area of an unsuspecting quarterback, I have a hard time making this about a "Wentz's health" thing.

No, at this point, it's just bad luck for a young quarterback who is trying to build a legacy under heavy expectations in a rabid sports town.

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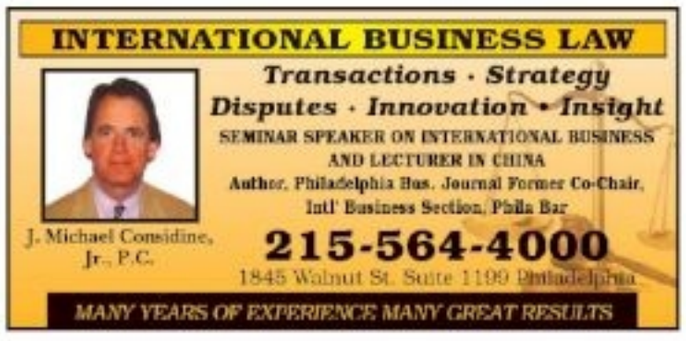
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